

Attendance: Laura, George, Sheila, Mary, Lynn Marie, Tony, Karen
Absent: Debra and Andrea

The meeting was called to order at ????

1. Review & Approve January meeting notes.
Errors noted and corrected. Minutes accepted.

2. Meeting Etiquette

Laura reviewed Rules of etiquette per Robert Rules of Order. Discussed issues that may arise as Commission on Aging members acting alone vs. in concert with the Commission when working with outside agencies. There can be benefits to enhance communication and inclusion.

3. Review Commissioner Beebe's ideas

Read and discussed A. Beebe proposed ideas for the Commission on Aging. Sheila proposed sponsoring existing programs that align with our mission statement. All agreed to the potential of having our Commission meeting on-site of senior housing to allow seniors access.

4. POCD Update

George sent a letter to P&Z on behalf of the commission requesting involvement and notification of activities related to the Senior population in our town. Discussion included 8-30G Turner Hill Housing proposal. Recommendation was to write to John Frey and other local legislators requesting a town ordinance regarding affordable housing that also makes accommodations for seniors and the disabled, addressing the loophole.

5. Camp CONNRI

Discussed this collaboration with the Salvation Army to provide an opportunity for approx. 20 eligible seniors to attend a summer camp in August. It was well received last year. Karen has the information and application criteria. Laura volunteered to work with Karen to disseminate the information and recruit interested seniors.

6. Senior Booklet Transportation from RVNA to Town Hall

George offered to transport and distribute booklets to appropriate locations: Founders Hall, Library, Parks and Rec. Booklets will be available for the Commission table at the Health Fair as well.

Discussed changing info booklet format to on-line versions linked to multiple town sites. Tony has the online version, Debra has reviewed data for accuracy. Potential to seek teen volunteer to assist in web linking.

7. Ballard Green/Congregate Update

Discussed staff turnover. Konover Residential Corp. hiring new managers and replacing food service vendors. Lynn Marie discussed touring facility. Discussed this timing was a good opportunity to build a rapport.

8. AARP Grant requests ideas from each commissioner. (5 min.)

As we are not ready to execute a new program at this time it was suggested we create a letter informing other interested parties on the AARP Grant opportunity. Commission to consider this opportunity in the future.

9. Sponsorship of Memorial Day meals for Meals on Wheels clients

Move to March agenda.

10. The 46th Annual RVNAhealth & Wellness Fair April 25th 10am-2pm at East Ridge Middle School.

George provided the participation application. It was filled out for submission. Schedule to man the booth will be set in March: Sheila, Mary, George volunteered.

11. Rides for Ridgefield Grant Request

Margaret Thompson and Lynette Mathias presented a request for \$1000.00 grant from the Commission to support Rides for Ridgefield operating expenses. Request discussed, motion to provide grant unanimously approved.

12. Motion to adjourn at ??? pm

The next meeting will be Monday, March 16th 2020 in the large conference room Town Hall at 2:30 p.m.
NOTE: Anyone requiring special accommodation due to disability is asked to contact Town Hall.

Thanks,
Debra Franceschini-Gatje